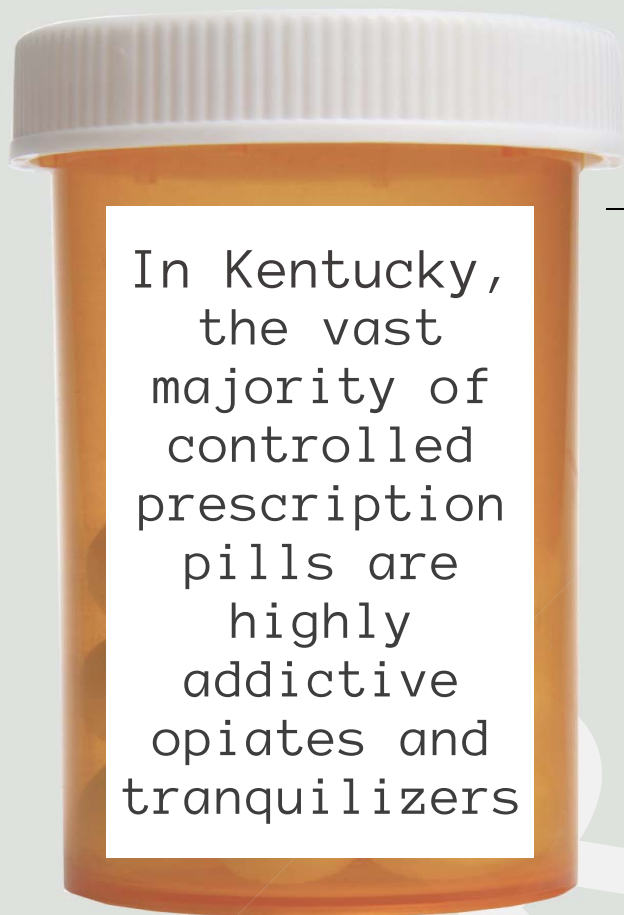


PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

A KENTUCKY EPIDEMIC

A rampant prescription drug culture has overtaken Kentucky over the past 15 years. Increased availability of prescription drugs in Kentucky promotes sharing among friends and family, improper storage and disposal, doctor shopping, and lax prescribing standards. In Kentucky, the most commonly abused prescription drugs are controlled substances from Schedules II-IV including Opiates, Tranquilizers, and Stimulants.



TOP TEN PRESCRIPTION PILLS, 2011

Hydrocodone
(Lortab, Lorcet,
Vicodin)



43%

Oxycodone,
OxyContin, Percocet



16%

Alprazolam
(Xanax)



13%

7%

Clonazepam (Klonopin)



Amphetamine (Adderall)

3%



Pregabalin (Lyrica)

3%



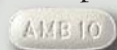
Tramadol
(Ultram)

3%



4%

Zolpidem (Ambien)



4%

Lorazepam
(Ativan)



5%

Diazepam
(Valium)



The top 5 Prescribed
Controlled Drugs are
highly addictive
Opiates &
Tranquilizers

Source: KASPER 2011

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS REPORTED AT DRUG TREATMENT ADMISSION

INCREASE IN RATES PER 100,000

OPIATES
INCREASED
17X



TRANQUILIZERS
INCREASED
5X



STIMULANTS
INCREASED
2X

Source: TEDS-A and US Census

Rates of prescription
drugs reported at drug
treatment admission
increased for opiates,
tranquilizers, and
stimulants from 1997-2009

Oxymorphone, the
active ingredient in
Opana has become one
of the most common
drugs found in the
blood of overdose
victims in Kentucky

DRAMATIC RISE IN OPANA DEATHS

2%

2010

23%

PERCENT OF DRUG OVERDOSE
DEATHS INVOLVING OPANA IN 2011



Opana, is known by street
names including "stop
signs," "the O bomb," and
"new blues"

2011

Source: Kentucky Medical Examiner's Office, Kentucky
Justice & Public Safety Cabinet Report

NOTE: 684 Deaths Total - More than one drug is present in many of the victims.



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